THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (f) As of now, Air India has no plans to operate to Canada due to fleet limitations. Air Canada also ceased operations to/from Mumbai in January, 1991 and Delhi in May, 1999 due to its own commercial reasons. However, Air India has Special Prorate Agreements with airlines which offer connection to Canada for Air India passengers from London, Paris, Frankfurt.

Closure of Jayprakash Narayan Airport, Patna

†625. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to close down Jayprakash Narayan Airport of Patna is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to provide adequate facilities at the above airport; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has recently developed Patna Airport as a Model Airport with most modern passenger facilities to cater to 500 passengers at a time. Custom and immigration facilities are also available there. Patna airport is also suitable for limited International flights.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of hangars at Hyderabad Airport

626. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVAITION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the construction of hangars at Hyderabad Airport on Built, Own and Transfer (BOT) basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.